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**Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony in Clarksville, Indiana**  
*High School For Adults Celebrates Opening on September 20*

**CLARKSVILLE, Ind.** – The Excel Center®, Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana’s high school for Indiana adults, will celebrate a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 20 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at 1329 Applegate Lane in Clarksville. Speakers will include Kevin Baity, Town Manager of Clarksville; Kent Kramer, President & CEO of Goodwill; and Lakia Osborne, The Excel Center director.

The Excel Center opened on July 17, providing support and resources for students to help them meet their education and career goals. Currently, over 100 students attend The Excel Center in Clarksville, with an expectation to enroll up to 300 as the school continues to establish itself in southern Indiana. With expedited curriculum and flexible scheduling, adults can graduate quickly and prepare for postsecondary pathways. The Excel Center also offers free onsite child care, transportation assistance and opportunities to earn college credits and industry-recognized certifications -- all at no cost. Those Indiana residents interested in enrolling at The Excel Center can apply online year round at [excelcenter.org](http://excelcenter.org).

“This significant milestone celebrates the first adult high school in southern Indiana where students can earn a traditional diploma,” said Kent Kramer, President & CEO of Goodwill. “The ribbon-cutting ceremony provides an opportunity to recognize the individuals who have worked tirelessly to bring our programs to life as well as the community leaders who have welcomed and supported us.”

Goodwill expanded The Excel Center and other services, including Nurse-Family Partnership®, a program that pairs low-income, first-time mothers with registered nurses, to southern Indiana this year. Nearly 12,000 Hoosiers residing in Clark County lack a high school diploma. Studies illustrate individuals without a diploma are more likely to commit a crime, earn significantly less over their lifetimes and their own children are less likely to graduate from high school, continuing the cycle of poverty.

The program will begin with remarks at 4:30 p.m. followed immediately by the ribbon-cutting. Appetizers and refreshments will be served in The Excel Center with an opportunity for tours until 6:00 p.m. Those interested in attending the ceremony or learning more about The Excel Center should contact Jennifer Rendant.

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Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 39 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.